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In re Application of)
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Title: METHOD FOR CONDUCTING CRASH) Examiner:
TESTS USING A CRASH-TEST CARRIAGE)
AND A CORRESPONDING APPARATUS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following Amendment to the application prior to calculating the filing fee.

Attached hereto as "ATTACHMENT A" is a marked-up copy showing the changes made to the above-identified patent application by the present Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the current specification with the substitute specification attached hereto.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the abstract in its entirety and replace therefor the abstract attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add the following new claims 21-41:

21. (New) A method of conducting crash tests using a crash-test carriage, said crash-test carriage being accelerated in accordance with a real deceleration curve to thereby simulate deceleration forces associated with a real collision, said crash-test carriage having a carriage drive apparatus associated therewith, the method comprising the steps of:

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